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**Our Catholic Mission**

We ask God’s blessings on Year 6 as they leave St. Joseph’s and move onto their new high schools. They have had a fantastic last week and have conducted themselves in an excellent manner, setting a good example to our younger children. They have been a delightful class group and we will miss them. We pray that they settle in quickly in September and make lots of new friends.

We also give thanks for Mrs Jennings and Miss Brown who sadly leave us today for new futures. They will always be an important part of the history of St. Joseph’s. Goodbye and good luck!

**Parish Mass/Children’s Liturgy**

The parish newsletter or website www.romancatholiclichfield.co.uk contains information about Masses and other church notices.

Mass Times: 6.00pm Saturday @ SS Peter & Paul (with Children’s Liturgy)

8.30am Sunday @ Holy Cross (with Children’s Liturgy)

11.00am Sunday @ SS Peter & Paul (with Children’s Liturgy)

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Y1, the class with the highest attendance this week with 100% attendance.

**Building Fund**

We are dependent on the generous voluntary contributions and continued support from the families at St Joseph’s and would like to thank everyone who has contributed in the past and those who have maintained their commitment to contributing to the School Building Fund, you should be proud that your kind contributions have gone a long way to help improve the learning environment of St Joseph’s.

The Governors would like to thank you for your continued support.

How you can contribute:

* Monthly Standing order – please contact school office
* Cheque, payable to St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School (gift aid envelopes available from the office)

Single or Termly cash donation (gift aid envelopes available from the office)

**Dinner Money – September 2016**

It has been a number of years since St Joseph’s have had to raise the costs of its school meals, unfortunately due to rising costs it is now essential that we increase the cost per meal to ensure we can maintain the same quality and service. Therefore, please be aware that from September the cost per meal will be £2.20 and still represents great value by providing a freshly prepared nutritious meal, pudding and drink.

**Thanks**

All teaching staff, teaching assistants, office staff and I would like to say thank you for your many kind words and generous gifts of thanks for our work this year. It is very much appreciated!

**More thanks**

Please find with this letter, a letter from the Governing Body and a list of dates for September.

**Great News**

This Autumn term we are going to take Year 5 away to Alton Castle for a 2 night stay. They will take part in lots of adventurous activities, such as rock climbing, archery, biking and lots more. They will also enjoy a range of spiritual experiences. I have been there many times and it is always fantastic. Parents of children in Year 5 will be receiving a letter very shortly with further details.

**And Finally…**

May I wish you all a fabulous summer break, whether you are staying here or travelling further afield. I would like to extend to you my sincere thanks for your continuous support of St. Joseph’s which I am sure I will be able to count upon again next year.



A loving heart and a friendly smile go a long way to communicate the love of Christ to the people we meet each day.

David McCasland

May God be with you.

Mrs D McLeary

He is Lord.

He is risen from the dead and He is Lord.

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess:

Jesus Christ is Lord

Headteacher

**Looking Ahead…**

**School Dates –**

**Changes in red**

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| Monday 5th September | INSET |

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| Tuesday 6th September | Mission Assembly 9.10  Children Back |
| Friday 9th September | No assembly  Coffee morning |

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| Monday 12th September | New Reception Children Start  Tea & Coffee for Reception parents in hall at 9.30am |
| Tuesday 13th September | Parents Volunteer Induction 11 am  Mass of Dedication 2:30 pm |
| Friday 16th September | Year Six Celebration Assembly  Family lunch A-D  Set homework |
| Monday 19th September | Mission Assembly 9.10 am  Year 4 and 2 Class Mass 9.30am at Holy Cross |
| Tuesday 20th September | Year 6 visit to Alton Castle |
| Friday 23rd September | Y5 Celebration Assembly |
| Monday 26th September | Mission Assembly 9.10am |
| Tuesday 27th September | Homework due |
| Friday 30th September | Year 4 Celebration Assembly  Family Lunch E-I  Set homework |
| Monday 3rd October | TOPIC WEEK  Mission Assembly 9.10am |
| Wednesday 5th October | House elections 9.10 am  Parents Evening 4pm – 6pm |
| Thursday 6th October | Parents Evening 5pm – 7pm  Y1 out Packington Farm |
| Friday 7th October | Year 3 Celebration Assembly |
| Monday 10th October | Tempest photographer in school – individuals/siblings |
| Tuesday 11th October | Homework due |
| Wednesday 12th October | Tempest photographer in school – pre school |
| Friday 14th October | Year 2 Celebration Assembly  Set homework (to last over half term) |
| Monday 17th October | Mission Assembly 9:10am  Year 5 and 1 Class Mass 9.30am at Holy Cross  Y5 to Alton Castle retreat (3 days) 2pm |
| Tuesday 18th October | Harvest Mass @ 2:30am in School TBC |
| Wednesday 19th October | House Assembly 9.10 am  Y5 return |
| Friday 21st October | Y1 Celebration Assembly  Family Lunch J-N |
|  | **HALF TERM** |
| Monday 31st October | INSET |
| Tuesday 1st November | Mission Assembly 9.10am  Homework due |
| Thursday 3rd November | Open day – prospective parents |
| Monday 7th November | Mission Assembly 9.10 am  Year 6 and Year R Class Mass |
| Friday 11th November | YR Celebration Assembly |
| Monday 14th November | Mission Assembly 9:10 am  Anti-bullying Day - Theme – ‘Power For Good’ |
| Tuesday 15th November | Inter Faith Week  Food from around the world lunches this week  Homework due |
| Friday 18th November | Inter faith assembly  Set homework  Non-Uniform- Clothes from Around the World  3.00pm parents drop in |
| Monday 21st November | Mission Assembly 9:10  Y5 and Y2 Class Mass Holy Cross 9:30 |
| Wednesday 23rd November | House Assemblies 9.10am |
| Friday 25th November | Advent assembly  Family lunch R-T |
| Sunday 27th November | Advent Family Mass 11am SS P&P |
| Monday 28th November | Mission Assembly 9:10am  Topic Week |
| Tuesday 29th November | Homework due |
| Wednesday 30th November | Y5 Bikeability in daytime |
| Thursday 1st December | Y6 Bikeability in daytime |
| Friday 2nd December | Advent assemblyY6 Bikeability in daytime  Set homework  Family lunch U-Z |
| Monday 5th December | Mission Assembly  Year 4 and 1 Class Mass Holy cross 9:30 |
| Friday 9th December | Christmas Plays:  Pre- School & Reception- 9.30am  Year 1 & 2- 2.00pm |
| Monday 12th December | Mission Assembly  Christmas Lunch TBC |
| Tuesday 13th December | Homework due  Whole School End of term Mass 9.30 am  6.30pm KS2 Carol Service at SS P& P |
| Wednesday 14th December | 1.30pm Sleeping Beauty at The Garrick Theatre |
| Thursday 15th December | Party & Toy Day |
| Friday 16th December | Don’t set homework for Xmas  Finish @ 2.30pm |
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| Tuesday 3rd January | INSET Day |
| Wednesday 4th January | Children Return to School |